



Laborers' International Union of North America

Midwest Regional Office

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Illinois Legislative Update

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State Legislature Returns to Action

Illinois General Assembly members will be back in session most weeks this spring until their scheduled adjournment at the end of May. Governor Rauner had his State of the State address two weeks ago, which was filled with generalizations about his legislative agenda. He appears to be saving the specifics of his anti-union wish list for private conversations. One noteworthy promise in Rauner's State of the State was to submit a balanced budget, which would be a first for him. That statement was met with a mock standing ovation by Democrats. Rauner's Budget Address is this Wednesday.

LiUNA Endorses Raoul for AG

The Midwest Region is proud to announce its support for **Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago)** in the Democrat primary for Attorney General.

Raoul replaced Barack Obama in the Illinois State Senate in 2005 and has been a great friend of LiUNA and working people ever since. Raoul has a perfect record of supporting prevailing wage and is currently the sponsor of legislation creating a Worker Protection Unit in the AG's office that will allow prevailing wage and other labor law complaints to bypass the Dept. of Labor and go straight to the Unit for investigation and enforcement.

Raoul is also endorsed by the IL AFL-CIO and most other unions. He faces seven challengers in the Democrat Primary, including former Gov. Pat Quinn. It is crucial, therefore, that we get the word out to our members so we have the strongest possible Attorney General nominee and the best advocate for Illinois workers and their unions – and that is Kwame Raoul.

Member Voter Registration Push

Local unions should have received a list of their members who cannot be matched up with a registered voter based on the information we have on file. This is likely the best time to connect with these members to get them registered before the November General Election. There are more than 2,100 LiUNA Midwest Region members who do not match the voter registration lists. We cannot afford to leave any votes on the table. If you have any questions about your list or how to proceed, please call Sean or Anna at the Regional Office.

Pritzker Days of Action II

The Primary Election race for governor is tightening up as we enter the final month of the campaign. LiUNA-endorsed candidate J.B. Pritzker is having a second series of "Days of Action" walks & phone banks this weekend. We had a very successful turnout of Laborers at his first statewide volunteer effort. Please make every attempt to make this one equally as successful. Note that, unless indicated, each location has as many as five shifts at which members have the option of volunteering over the two days:

Saturday, February 17

10am, 1pm & 3pm

- *Belleville* – Pritzker HQ, 25 E. Main St.
- *Bloomington (Sat. only)* – LiUNA 362, 2012 Fox Creek Rd.
- *Carbondale* – Pritzker HQ, 900 E. Walnut St., ste. 13
- *Champaign* – Pritzker HQ, 410 E. University Ave., ste. 104
- *Collinsville* – Rep. Hoffman Campaign Office, 212 E. Main St.
- *Decatur (1pm Sun. only)* – Macon Co. Dems HQ, 134 S. Church St.

Sunday, February 18

1pm & 3pm

- *Kankakee* – Knights of Columbus (3rd floor), 187 S. Indiana Ave
- *Galesburg* – Protex Bldg.
- *Moline* – Pritzker HQ, 3814 27th St.
- *N. Utica (Sat. only)* – IUOE Celebrations 150, 740 US Rte. 6
- *Peoria* – Pritzker HQ, 1800 N. Knoxville Ave.
- *Quincy* – Machinists' Lodge
- *Rockford (Sat. only)* - Pritzker HQ, 226 Main St.
- *Springfield* – Pritzker HQ, 2731 S. MacArthur Blvd.



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